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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. (A marked up copy of the claims is provided as Appendix A).

1. (Three Times Amended) A composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising:
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a porous support; and
a polyamide skin layer formed on the porous support, wherein a contact angle between a surface of the polyamide skin layer and water is no more than 45°, sodium chloride rejection is at least 98%, and a permeate flow rate is at least 0.7 m³/m²day when evaluated by using feed water which has pH 6.5, 0.05 weight % of salt, an operation pressure of 5kgf/cm² and a temperature of 25° C.

5. (Twice Amended) The composite reverse membrane according to claim 1, wherein the sodium chloride rejection is at least 98% and the permeate flow rate is at least 0.8 m³/m²day.